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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged from the previous day's prices. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. The market tone was mixed, mostly about steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available, occasionally ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and medium and Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Loose egg movement mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks adequate to usually fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42-52	43-49
LARGE	41-51	42-45
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.			
LARGE	25-33	28	
MEDIUM	6-11	9	
SMALL	4-6		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, although usually about steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for normal processing schedules. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-65	51-54
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was slow to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand light to moderate for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to usually fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
MEDIUM	31.5-40	33-36

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was about steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair demand. Spent hen offerings were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-68.25	50-53
LARGE	47-66.25	48-51
MEDIUM	30.5-39	31-35

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day's prices. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the week. Demand light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	40-44

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were sharply lower from previous week. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies are adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-57	51-53
LARGE	48-53	49-52
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region 3 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. The Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 149-199, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	279-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	229-329
LARGE	199-239	189-299
MEDIUM	189-205	169-259

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 07, 2005 will decrease by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 31, 2004 were 244,672 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 14 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	209,838	34,834	244,672
% change from the prior week.....	-8	+9	-6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks adequate to usually fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-30	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10-11.5	11.04

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 03, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	13.0	8.3	12.0	54.0
	Change	1.7	-4.2	-0.2	-5.0	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.8	63.7	17.7	31.3	176.3
	Change	4.0	7.0	-4.5	-3.5	1%
Large	Curr Wk	52.2	156.2	70.0	97.5	486.1
	Change	-3.1	10.7	1.2	-24.2	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	47.2	10.8	18.0	123.7
	Change	-0.5	-8.6	-1.2	-5.0	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	7.3	10.4	1.2	9.8	38.5
	Change	0.6	1.6	0.0	3.3	23%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	39.8	6.9	16.1	73.8
	Change	0.2	4.3	-1.5	-0.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.6	74.9	29.4	32.7	184.9
	Change	-5.5	14.1	-3.2	-1.9	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	130.1	405.2	144.3	217.4	1,137.3
Percent	Change	-2%	7%	-6%	-14%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,137.3	-3%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	268.3	22%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,405.6	1%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2004 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 31, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
7.00								7.00							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	31.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	42.00	43.00	3.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	30.44	—	2.25	GL W LG	—	43.00	—	—	—	41.00	2.25
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	25.00	—	.75	GL W MD	—	34.00	26.00	—	—	33.00	1.75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/27/04-12/31/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
48.25								68.75							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.50	31.75	32.83	34.40	—	—	13.00	GNR W 1	—	30.75	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	69.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	58.00	59.00	42.50	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	49.00	—	—	56.00	1.50
GL W XL	—	43.89	46.00	45.62	34.22	38.50	43.50	GL W XL	37.00	43.33	—	—	42.00	45.14	15.00
GL W LG	—	46.00	—	42.00	30.83	—	12.50	GL W LG	36.00	39.55	—	—	—	41.50	14.00
GL W MD	27.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	24.40	—	6.25	GL W MD	—	31.33	26.00	—	—	30.13	7.25
GL W SM	23.63	26.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL BR XL	61.00	67.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	60.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	25.75	27.00	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	23.00	—	28.00	—	26.73	37.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.00	25.00	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.50	20.50	3.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.33	22.00	—	—	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/02/05	12/27/04	12/29/03
PACIFIC COAST	400	400	208
LOS ANGELES	387	387	126

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market was steady on small, and lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67.63
LARGE	64.63
MEDIUM	48.63
SMALL	42.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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